

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
January 2, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, at the Jasper Arts Center. Doug Abbett was nominated President Pro Tem by **Pat Thyen**, seconded by **Sylvia Metzger**. Motion passed 6-0. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Robin Norris, Doug Abbett, Mickey Seger, Sylvia Metzger, Myra Schuetter, and Pat Thyen. **Commission Members Absent:** Norma Kreilein, Don Routson, Ann Hilgefort, Michael Jones, and Don Weisheit. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Donna Schepers, Amy Laakman and Kelley Leuck. **Regional Services Coordinator:** Jill Watson. **City Attorney:** Sandy Hemmerlein **Guests in Attendance:** Jasper Herald reporter, Dave Kuntz, City Councilman Ray Howard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sylvia Metzger moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting. **Myra Schuetter** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

City Financial Statement

Pat Thyen moved to approve the financial statement. **Myra Schuetter** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims

City claims in the amount of \$33,747.28 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$2750.00 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Pat Thyen** to accept the claims as presented. **Myra Schuetter** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visual Arts Report

Amy reported.

- The Visual Arts reception went very well. Over 100 people attended. There will not be a reception this month. The artist, Janet Shapero, is from Boston.
- Susan Carr will be speaking at the February art reception. She will also be giving an adult workshop on digital photography.
- The History of Photography is the topic for the February Art Lecture.
- Amy has been planning the winter art workshops. Information on the classes will be sent out within the next couple of weeks.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- JCAC has received a \$500 underwriting from the Kennedy Center. This is to assist the Kennedy Center team attending the annual meeting. Donna and Nancy Habig will be attending the meeting.
- Esta, an Israeli group, and part of Arts Midwest's World Fest, will be here the week of January 27th. Dr. and Mrs. Monesmith will be hosting a reception for Esta on Monday January 28th in their home. They will be performing for several groups in the area, including the schools, throughout the week. The public performance will be on Friday February 1st.

Building and Structures Report

Doreen reported.

- The handrails have been installed in the auditorium. They should be very effective.
- The community room floor has been refinished.

Region 11 Report

Jill reported.

- Jill has 5 grant information meetings set. Two will be here, the others will be at Loogootee, Orange County and English. These will be for anyone who wants to apply for funding.
- INteract will have its next meeting on January 22nd. Eric Freemon, with Indiana Arts, will be here to talk about State initiatives.

Performing Arts Report

Kit reported.

- The performing arts committee met last month. Contact has been made with the Indianapolis Children's Choir to possibly perform on the Family Series.
- Kit and Donna will be attending the APAP conference the week of January 8th.
- JCAC has received 2 grants for a total of \$2500 from the Dubois County Community Foundation. These will help with Chalkwalk and ARTventures.
- Kit distributed the annual report for 2007.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee comprised of Sylvia Metzger, Don Routson, and Robin Norris presented the following slate of officers to the board for a one-year term: President Michael Jones, Vice President, Don Weisheit, and Secretary Don Routson. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved by **Myra Schuetter** to close the nominations. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 6-0. It was moved by **Myra Schuetter** to accept the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

- The fundraising committee is continuing to meet. They have been working on the case for fundraising. They have been looking at strategic planning, as well as the different areas for fundraising.
- A date has not been set for a retreat yet, but one will be scheduled shortly.

Adjournment

Myra Schuetter made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25pm, **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 6-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday February 5, 2008, at 4:30 pm.

Doug Abbett, President Pro Tem

Attested